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1. Ceremonies were held in Tirana on 6 November 1950 in honor of the Bolshevik   50X1-HUM
   Revolution;   the absence of Premier Hoxha and the
   Soviet Minister to Albania was noted. Their absence has been tied in with
   the reported presence in Moscow for the past two months of the Soviet
   Minister to Albania, and with the alleged negotiations of a political-
   economic nature now under way between the USSR and the states of the
   Eastern Bloc, in which Albania is particularly interested*.

2. The new Soviet military attache to Albania, Viktor Glebov, recently
   arrived in Tirana.

   Comment: Albanian Telegraph Agency broadcast of 29 November 1950 50X1-HUM
   stated that, on the previous day, General Hoxha appeared at the hall where
   celebrations were being held on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the
   liberation of Albania from Fascist occupation. Also present at these cele-
   brations was the Soviet Minister to Albania.

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